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1) 97-0615 for knusick  
bulk material on highways

97-0311

also = mandate mud flaps on bulk transporters

2) eliminate prohibition against flashing  
hi-beam lights at oncoming cars

97-0309

(D-note: want to specify distance?)  
3) no tar & gravel repair of roads

97-0312

Paul:

① See the changes I made to the analysis - ok?  
(I think it's correct to use "s" w/ "driver"  
since you used "or" to distinguish between  
the oncoming and following situations.)

② I looked at s. 347.12. Are you  
sure you want to repeal the whole thing -  
and not just (1) (a) + (b) ~~2~~ + (2)? (IOW,  
keep ~~(1)~~ (intro.) but RA?)

Pam

don't really need (1) (intro.) because headlamps are  
required on vehicles under s. 347.09(1) and,  
as provided in s. 347.09(1)(a), must ~~there~~ be  
capable of throwing light "of sufficient  
intensity to reveal persons & vehicles" 100-350 feet

ahead (See s. 347.10(2)). Also all this motor  
vehicle equipment stuff is heavily regulated by feds, so  
it's virtually impossible for a consumer to obtain a headlight that  
doesn't meet 347.12(1)(intro.) or 347.10(2) standards.

Also - Penalties for s. 347.12 and 347.10 are the same. See 347.30.





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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

vehicle's  
vehicle's high-beam

D-note

get cut

a person driving

1 **AN ACT** relating to: the use of high-intensity headlamps on motor vehicles.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Current law requires the driver of a motor vehicle equipped with high beam headlamps to dim the headlamps whenever approaching an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet or following another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear so that the glaring light is not directed into the oncoming driver's eyes.

no 4 This bill eliminates this requirement.

**The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:**

2 **SECTION 1.** 347.12 of the statutes is repealed.

3 **SECTION 2.** 347.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 347.30 (2) Any person violating ss. 347.03, 347.07 to 347.12 347.115, 347.13 (1)

5 or 347.14 to 347.29 may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

History: 1971 c. 278.

6 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

7 (1) This act first applies to the operation of motor vehicles occurring on the effective date

8 of this subsection.

(End)

- 0309/1 dn  
PEN: PK:

Representative Schneider =

Instead of repeating the prohibition  
against nighttime driving with high-beams,  
do you want to create language authorizing<sup>2</sup>  
high-beams to be flashed at ~~the~~ traffic  
during daylight hours?

- PEN

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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October 30, 1998

Representative Schneider:

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Paul E. Nilsen  
Legislative Attorney  
261-6926



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CKG

1999 BILL

authorizes the intermittent flashing of high-beam  
headlamps at oncoming vehicles whose high-beam headlamps  
are lit.

1 *Men Cat.* AN ACT *to repeal* 347.12; and *to amend* 347.30 (2) of the statutes; relating to:  
2 the use of high-~~beam~~ <sup>beam</sup> headlamps on motor vehicles.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Current law requires a person driving a motor vehicle during hours of darkness to dim the vehicle's high-beam headlamps whenever approaching an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet or following another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear so that the glaring light is not directed into the other driver's eyes. This bill ~~eliminates~~ <sup>eliminates</sup> this requirement.

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- 7 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

insert  
1-6

## BILL

(1) This act first applies to the operation of motor vehicles occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

**(END)**

insert  
1-6

and (b) are  
Section #. 347.12 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.12 (1) (a) Whenever the operator of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam headlamps approaches an oncoming vehicle within 500 feet, the operator shall dim, depress or tilt the vehicle's headlights so that the glaring rays are not directed into the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle.

~~History: 1989 a. 69; 1991 a. 316~~

This paragraph does not prohibit an operator of a vehicle from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam headlamps at an oncoming vehicle whose high-beam headlamps are lit.



insert  
1-b  
cont.

Section # 347.12 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

~~347.12~~ (b) Whenever the operator of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam headlamps approaches or follows another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear, the operator shall dim, depress, or tilt the vehicle's headlights so that the glaring rays are not reflected into the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle.

~~History: 1989 a. 69; 1991 a. 216.~~

This paragraph does not prohibit an operator from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam headlamps as provided under par. (a).

(end insert)



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1999 BILL

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*Regen*  
AN ACT to amend 347.12 (1) (a) and (b) of the statutes; relating to: the use of  
high-beam headlamps on motor vehicles.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

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1 operator from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam headlamps at an  
2 oncoming vehicle whose high-beam<sup>✓</sup> headlamps are lit.

3 (b) Whenever the operator of a vehicle equipped with multiple-beam  
4 headlamps approaches or follows another vehicle within 500 feet to the rear, the  
5 operator shall dim, depress, or tilt the vehicle's headlights so that the glaring rays  
6 are not reflected into the eyes of the operator of the other vehicle. This paragraph  
7 does not prohibit an operator from intermittently flashing the vehicle's high-beam  
8 headlamps as provided under par. (a).

9 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to the operation of motor vehicles occurring on the  
11 effective date of this subsection.

12 (END)

# SUBMITTAL FORM

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**  
**Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561**  
**5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

**Date:** 12/2/98

**To:** Representative Schneider

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-0309

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction



in the **Senate** \_\_\_\_ or the **Assembly** \_\_\_\_ (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction \_\_\_\_\_.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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